24. Shri Shivgonda Patil, Police Sub Inspector
25. Shri A.M. Ghadi, Police Constable
26. Shri A.Y. Kamble, Police Constable
27. Shri P.S. Dukre, Police Constable
28. Shri D.R. Phadtare, Police Constable
29. Shri S.P. Patil, Police Constable
30. Shri B.K.Gaikwad, Police Constable
31. Shri S.Patade, Police Constable 7783.

Bringing inteHigence agencies under Parliamentary oversight

1118. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to bring under Parliamentary oversight our Intelligence agencies - IB, RAW etc. as is being done in other democratic countries' like the US, UK and Australia;

(b) whether India has the distinction of being the lone exception where intelligence agencies are not subject to the external checks though our defence forces are "subject to statutory audit and Parliamentary review"; and

(c) if so, what concrete measures have so far been taken by Government to bring about structural and procedural reforms in the country's intelligence outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) It is not in National interest to give more details.

Financial assistance to rain affected areas of Kerala

1119. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the loss of human lives and extensive damage to crops and property in Kerala due to heavy rains; and

(b) if so, the details of the damages caused by rains and financial assistance provided by the Union Government for relief measures in the rain affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per the information received from the Government of Kerala, based on their preliminary assessment, 239 human lives were lost, 2811 livestock perished, 35,096 ha. cropped area was affected, 2003 houses were fully and 48780 houses were partially damaged in 14 districts of the State due to heavy rains/floods during 2007.